

A TRIBUTE TO SAFETY CENTER
INCORPORATED, ON THEIR 75TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Safety Center Incorporated's 75th anniversary occurring on October 19, 2009, and in praise of their many contributions to the State of California. Safety Center Incorporated, originally established as the Sacramento Safety Council in 1934, was initially recognized by civic leaders "to combat (the) unprecedented wave of motor vehicle fatalities and injuries" in the Sacramento region. This was in reaction to the front page headline of the Sacramento Bee on October 8, 1934, which read, "Local auto deaths soar to 6."

Over the past 75 years, Safety Center Incorporated has expanded well beyond traffic safety programs and is now among the most respected providers of safety leadership and training throughout California and Nevada.

In just the past 5 years alone, SCI has trained 88,925 people amongst a diverse collection of programs. Children and developmentally disabled adults have been given tours of 'Safetyville'—which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Teens have been taught defensive driving and have been given an education in alcohol and drugs. Enthusiasts of all ages have completed basic and experienced rider motorcycle courses. Professionals have been certified for first aid, CPR, forklift operations, work zone safety, commercial construction, and other courses designed to provide "training solutions that fit" for a diverse array of occupations.

Throughout their history, SCI has been a dependable partner to the public by providing the assistance needed with the changing times. When the Federal Government passed the "Occupational Safety & Health Act of 1970" creating OSHA and authorizing the creation of the first mandatory safety standards for the nation—SCI was there to help lead the community in accountability and preparedness. When the State of California first mandated that drunken drivers attend remedial classes—SCI offered the first classes in the State to educate Californians.

Today, Safety Center Incorporated has locations throughout California. Along with the main campus in Sacramento, there are now campuses in Modesto, Citrus Heights, and Claremont.

I thank Safety Center Incorporated on behalf of my fellow Californians for the untold impact that they have had on the well-being of our home.

RECOGNIZING HOWARD
UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congresswoman KILPATRICK for introducing

this resolution honoring Howard University School of Law's 140-year legacy of social justice and commitment to training social engineers.

If it were not for the legal battles waged by and won by lawyers from the Howard University School of Law, it is very unlikely that neither the progress or individual accomplishments obtained would have reached the heights we enjoy today.

As the first law school dedicated to educating African Americans, the doors of Howard University School of Law opened in 1869. The school was created to meet the need to train African Americans in protecting their newly established rights granted by the 13th and 14th Amendments of the Constitution. During this first year, six students committed to legal activism met in the homes and offices of part-time faculty.

As the years progressed and the number of students and the number of faculty grew, the school's commitment to public service was unwavering.

The mission of this school is guided by the wise words of Charles Hamilton Houston, who is widely regarded as the "man who killed Jim Crow." He later went on to serve as the NAACP litigation director and Dean of Howard University School of Law. Charles Hamilton Houston once said, "A lawyer's either a social engineer or a parasite on society." These inspiring words have led many students to enroll in the law school because of their interest and devotion to public service.

This quote and many other quotes from African American leaders line the halls of the school to inspire students, professors, and visitors every day.

Indeed, the men and women who graduated from Howard University School of Law became early pioneers and changed the fabric of our Nation.

The law school served as a training ground for graduates such as Oliver Hill, Spottswood Robinson II, and Thurgood Marshall who all played important and influential roles in the Supreme Court case, *Brown v. Board of Education*. Thurgood Marshall was the lead litigator in *Brown*, where the Supreme Court ruled that the segregation of students in public schools ultimately led to unequal educational opportunities. This case, which was decided in 1954, led to the abolishment of racial segregation.

The very halls of this Congress are filled with Howard Law School alum who are dedicated to social change and public service.

Mariel Lim, an able and exceptional attorney who is a member of my staff, spent her most formative year of law school at Howard and applies the formidable skills she acquired there in the service of the residents of the 37th Congressional District of California and the Nation.

My Legislative Director, Gregory Berry, taught Torts, Legal Methods, Legal Writing 2, Legal Reasoning, Research and Writing to hundreds of students who graduated and became social engineers. During the 8 years he taught at Howard, Gregory coached Howard's acclaimed National Moot Court Team, which afforded students the opportunity to hone their writing and advocacy skills in intercollegiate competitions. Additionally, Gregory Berry was counsel of record on the amicus curiae brief he and two faculty colleagues submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of Howard's

law students in the *Grutter v. Bollinger* case, which upheld affirmative action in law school admissions.

I am not the only Member who benefits from these dedicated graduates. There are numerous other Howard alumni serving the cause of justice here on the Hill.

I congratulate the Howard University on their 140th anniversary of its extraordinary law school.

I know our Nation will be well-served for years to come by its graduates who will continue to provide, "Leadership for America and the Global Community."

TRIBAL LEADER OF THE TACHI
YOKUT TRIBE, CHIEF CLARENCE
ATWELL, JR.

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the esteemed and cherished Tribal Leader of the Tachi Yokut Tribe, Chief Clarence Atwell, Jr., as he embarks upon his journey of retirement.

The Tachi Yokut Tribe, now 300 members strong, enjoys a rich California history, inhabiting the San Joaquin Valley for centuries. Chief Atwell has provided leadership, advice and spiritual guidance for his tribe and sister tribes across our great Nation for over 40 years.

Born in the early morning hours under a lone tree on the Rice Ranch, Clarence Atwell would grow to lead an extraordinary life. Raised by his grandmother on the reservation, Clarence spoke only his native language of Tachi. It was only when he began to attend school that he taught himself to learn and speak the English language. During his adolescent years, Clarence developed a strong passion for caring for the tribal elders. He would spend days hunting for food; sometimes walking several miles in order to bring the nourishment of rabbit, deer and fish to the elders. As he grew into a young man, his love of the land allowed him to work in the fields where he drove a tractor and worked from sunup to well beyond sundown each day.

Always strongly connected to his tribe, it was in his early 20s that he was first elected Tribal Chairman, a position he would hold for over 40 years. Under the powerful and wise Tribal Leadership of Chief Atwell, the Tachi Yokut Tribe has prospered. The members have grown into self-sufficiency and they have worked hard for many years to grow their Tachi Palace in Lemoore from a small gaming facility into one of the San Joaquin Valley's top destinations. Tribal members now have access to housing, a particularly significant accomplishment, the elders receive lunch each day and the members have dental and medical care.

Renowned for his spiritual as well as his political leadership, the Kings County of California acknowledges Chief Atwell as an official Spiritual Leader. He has been blessed to perform countless life-changing ceremonies including weddings, baptisms and funerals. Chief Atwell is a Bear Clan Leader for California, one of the highest native spiritual honors afforded to any individuals. The Bears

were part of the official inauguration ceremony of then California Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante where they performed in full regalia at the State's Capitol. Chief Atwell has met many political leaders, including having had the honor to talk with Vice President Al Gore and President Bill Clinton at the White House. Certainly known for his candor and forthrightness, though always in a quiet manner, Chief Atwell had the occasion to meet Governor Schwarzenegger where he shared some very pointed comments, causing a national news story; a moment he remains proud of, on behalf of his tribe. Tribes across the country have come to count on Chief Atwell for his political savvy, keen knowledge and intense wisdom.

Wed to his sweetheart, Jeanette, Clarence and Jeanette's blended family includes sons, Rufus, Aub and Curtis and daughters Cheryl and Kimberly.

Chief Clarence Atwell, Jr., has endured much in his lifetime, and it is at this crossroads that I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the fine deeds of Chief Clarence Atwell, Jr. and wish him and his family well as he embarks upon his retirement.

**HONORING EARLVILLE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding results achieved by Earlville Elementary School in Earlville, Iowa by being named a 2009 No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon School.

The program honors elementary, middle and high schools that are superior academically or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels. Students at Earlville Elementary School ranked in the top 10 percent on state tests.

Earlville Elementary School is one of six Iowa Schools receiving the honor this year. This is a true credit to the staff and teachers who continually challenge students to want more and be better.

Madam Speaker, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of Earlville Elementary School and its Principal, JoAnn Swinton. Earning this award shows strength and persistence and I am proud to serve these fine students in Congress.

**RECOGNIZING THE ONE HUNDRED
FIFTH BIRTHDAY OF ROWENA
ELLISON**

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the one hundred fifth birthday of Rowena Ellison on September 25, 2009.

Rowena Ellison was born in Minnieville, Virginia at the Windsor Farm on September 25, 1904. Rowena was the fourth of eight children born to Luther Windsor and Minnie Alexander.

She married Roy Ellison from Texas and moved to Alexandria, Virginia in 1936. Together they raised five children, each of whom graduated from George Washington High School. Rowena Windsor has 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Rowena was widowed in 1969. She continues to live in Alexandria with the help of her children.

**100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SALINAS
PUBLIC LIBRARY, SUNDAY, SEP-
TEMBER 27, 2009**

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Salinas Public Libraries in Salinas, California. In 1907, the Salinas Civic Club received \$10,000 from Andrew Carnegie to create a public library. Over the next 2 years they raised another \$4,000, purchased a site and collected books from the Odd Fellows, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and Daughters of the American West libraries. On September 5, 1909, the doors opened for the first time to the Carnegie Public Library.

A city-wide financial crisis in 2005 threatened closure of the library. This very real danger was nationally publicized and was featured in the movie *The Hollywood Librarian*. The residents of Salinas passed a measure to fund all library operations for 10 years. Today the Library Commission and Friends of the Salinas Public Library raise thousands of dollars for children's programs, and partner with other community organizations and foundations to ensure that the libraries remain open, giving needed services to the community.

All through this year the library celebrated the rich history of the people of Salinas, gathering and displaying over 5,000 historic photographs, paintings of old Salinas adobes, oral histories of prominent residents, historical papers, and other documents. The anniversary was the catalyst for public programs and exhibits of the memories of the people and places of Salinas. The Centennial voices of children, youth and adults became part of the new collection of voices in the Library.

Madam Speaker, the three branches of the Salinas Library—John Steinbeck, Cesar Chavez and El Gabilan—encourage reading, and provide materials and services to help members of the community meet their personal, informational, educational, and cultural needs. This is the mission statement of the library, and the 42 dedicated employees more than live up to this goal. I know I speak for the whole House in saluting the community of Salinas on this joyous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 733 had I been present, I would have voted "no."

**UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
EXTENSION ACT OF 2009**

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS CAPP

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Mrs. CAPP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3548, the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act.

This critical legislation would extend unemployment benefits by up to 13 weeks in states with high unemployment, such as my home state of California, where the unemployment rate has reached a record 12.2 percent.

In California alone, this bill will provide additional benefits for over 150,000 jobless workers who would otherwise exhaust their unemployment benefits before the end of this year.

These new benefits will help the millions of Californians who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own feed their families, heat their homes and pay their mortgages.

Extending these benefits is also one of the most cost-effective and fast-acting ways to stimulate the economy because the money is spent quickly. According to Moody's Economy.com, every \$1 spent on unemployment benefits generates \$1.63 in new economic demand.

There is no question that this legislation is needed. Yes, our economy is beginning to recover. But millions are still out of work and struggling to stay afloat.

I support this bill because it will provide real money for real workers who need it in California and across the nation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting yes on H.R. 3548.

**CONGRATULATING SAINT MARK
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 130-
YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church on their 130-year anniversary. The church, located in McKinney, Texas, will be hosting anniversary services on October 9, 2009.

Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1879 by Reverend Jones and Reverend Dick White, who conducted prayer services in the homes of their members, many of whom were freed American slaves.

Through a commitment to ministry and mission work, the church serves to enrich the community within its own congregation as well as the surrounding Dallas-Forth Worth areas. The church has undergone numerous expansions, helping them grow to provide more resources for their community. Recently they acquired over 2 acres in north Texas to accommodate a growing membership.

Madam Speaker, today it is my honor to recognize the Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church. They have demonstrated a level of commitment to community that is well appreciated, and serves as an example for us all.